



Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

This letter is a comment in favor of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, which is on your 11-65 docket.

Here in Cheraw, South Carolina, we take pride in our beautiful city, full of bountiful gardens and a rich architectural heritage. And that's not just opinion: Cheraw is nicknamed "the prettiest town in Dixie," and we've earned that title. We have a lot to offer residents and visitors alike, and we enjoy our rural lifestyle and friendly people.

But like in many smaller or rural communities, we don't always have access to the latest technologies. When the latest wireless technologies are driving communication, commerce, education, innovations, and the economy, lack of access becomes a real problem. In our digital age, nearly everything moves at lightning speed, and we don't want to be left behind because of our location. Access to ultra-fast wireless broadband will bring opportunities for increased economic development to our city—opportunities that elude communities that lack wireless broadband availability.

Reliable wireless broadband will bring chances for professional and personal success directly to our people. This technology has been shown to increase productivity, encourage innovations, and spur growth in all industries; additionally, it will give local businesses the ability to compete online in the global marketplace, which will help to create growth and new jobs. An expanded and enhanced network infrastructure, which will result from this merger, will deliver opportunities for our people to pursue professional and educational advancements and to even start their own online businesses.

This merger represents a chance for our entire community to grow and thrive, now and well into the future. Wireless broadband brings people the power to change their lives and improve their economic position, and it brings opportunities for local businesses to succeed. I urge you to approve this merger, and I thank you for the chance to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

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